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SUBJECT: TRADE REFORM ACT: TARIFF-CUTTING AUTHORITY

DURING A CONVERSATION ON TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, SIR CHRISTOPHER SOAMES ASKED AMBASSADOR GREENWALD TO TRANSMIT HIS VIEW THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS AND SUBSTANTIAL LIBERALIZATION WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED BY THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THE TARIFF-CUTTING SECTION OF THE TRADE BILL.

SOAMES URGED STRONGLY THAT THE ADMINISTRATION SEEK TO OBTAIN AUTHORITY CLOSER TO THE HOUSE FORMULA THAN TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE VERSION. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE EUROPEAN

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COMMUNITY IS COMMITTED TO SOME FORM OF TARIFF HARMONIZATION.

A FLAT 50-PERCENT-REDUCTION RULE WILL MEAN A SUBSTANTIAL-
TALLY LOWER OVERALL CUT. ALSO, THE ABSENCE OF AUTHORITY
TO OFFER A GREATER REDUCTION IN HIGH DUTIES WILL MAKE
THE PROBLEM OF FINDING A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE FORMULA MORE
DIFFICULT. GREENWALD

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